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SGA to rally against loan cuts

by Derek Valcourt
Editor-in-Chief

On October 31, 1995, the Fitchburg State College Student Government Association (SGA) plans to join other state college and universities' student governments for a rally against proposed financial aid cuts by Congress totaling 10.85 billion dollars.

SGA has organized transportation for students who are interested in attending the rally. Buses depart for the Statehouse in Boston from Russell Towers on Tuesday at 9:00 am and will return students back to Fitchburg by 3:00 pm. SGA is currently taking sign-ups for the trip in the SGA office.

"The politicians feel that there is no other way to avoid taking money from the people of Massachusetts and the educations they deserve," said SGA president Zachary Darrow.

The cuts proposed by Congress include over 7,000 Pell Grants and an end to the six month grace period for repaying loans after graduation. The state government wants to raise interest on all student loans as well, according to Darrow, in order to balance the budget by the year 2002.

FSC Financial Aid officials agree that any change in federal aid to this college will have a disastrous effect on the student loan and financial aid programs.



FSC students rallied for Financial Aid and tuition 5 years ago. SGA heads to the Statehouse Tuesday for the same reason.

file photo

FSC announces new scholarship program

FSC Press Release

Fitchburg State College has announced the addition of 100 new merit scholarships totaling \$150,000 as the college continues its efforts to attract high-achieving students.

The scholarships, half of which will apply toward room and board, and half toward tuition, will be added to the \$250,000 in scholarships students already receive from private sources. The college currently

takes in about \$600,000 each year through the Fitchburg State College Foundation, its private fundraising arm. The college's endowment now stands at more than \$3.5 million.

"Maintaining high academic standards is the single most important issue we face," said Fitchburg State College President Michael P. Riccards. "And with these new initiatives, we take an active role in insuring that we continue to move in that direction."

College officials called the new scholarships a continuation of last year's successful effort to boost the quality of incoming classes by improving the quality of the applicant pool and reducing the number of students it accepts. While there was an eight percent increase in undergraduate applications this year, a total of 650 students were refused entrance to the college, more than 2 1/2 times the previous year's figure. Just 66 percent of those applied were accepted,

versus 78 percent the year before. Mean SAT scores increased by 17 points.

The number of students granted exemptions from state admissions standards dropped significantly, from 41 percent to 24 percent.

"We're very pleased with the caliber of our students this fall," said Marke M. Vickers, director of admissions. She attributed the results to a more aggressive admissions effort, campus wide participation in recruiting, and

the awarding of Alumni Association-funded merit based scholarships. "We've targeted honor students as a group we'd like to attract to campus, and these additional scholarships will go a long way toward assisting us to attract them."

According to Vickers, the college plans to continue to increase the academic quality of incoming students. "We plan to build on this year's success by increasing merit scholarships and boosting our marketing efforts."

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Conference focuses on computers in nursing

Press release

The MA/NH Consortium of Sigma Theta Tau, an international honor society for nurses, will hold its Thirteenth Annual Research Conference, "Demystifying Informatics: A User Friendly Program" on October 27, 1995 from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. in the Hammond Building at Fitchburg State College, Fitchburg, MA.

The keynote speaker will be James Fain, RN PhD FAAN, Associate Professor and Coordinator of Collaborative PhD Programs, University of Massachusetts, Worcester. His topic is "Research Utilization as Applied to Informatics," focusing on the identification of how computers have changed the way nursing is practiced, as well as accessing re-

search utilization through informatics technology. Dr. Fain will also moderate a panel which will address current issues surrounding informatics as they affect nurses' roles in practice, education and research.

Afternoon presentations will include hands-on workshops as well as highlighting issues related to team-based quality management, nurses' attitudes toward computerization, evaluation of a specific bedside terminal, and the use of nursing informatics on a day to day basis. These sessions will provide an opportunity for sharing current nursing research, practice and educational approaches to informatics with colleagues in

the New England area.

The conference is sponsored by the Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing chapters at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, Fitchburg State College, Saint Anselm College, and Salem State College.

Participants are encouraged to pre-register by October 23, 1995. The cost is \$55.00 for Sigma Theta Tau members, \$60.00 for non members and \$25.00 for students with a student ID. Continental breakfast, luncheon, parking and conference materials are included in the conference fee. Six contact hours will be granted at the completion of the program.

New resume work station adds to Career Services

by Rick Rodricks
Staff writer

The phone rings, barely audible amongst the clamor of many voices. Two busy office staff stare into computer monitors while busy fingers tap rapidly on clicking keyboards. Piles of flyers, documents, and hand scrawled notes form a mosaic covering every desk and wall.

At a quick glance, the Career Services Office on the Third Floor of the Hammond Building looks just like any other office on campus.

A student with an envelope of letters in one hand, his resume in the other and a look of definite purpose upon his face, scurries across the room and into the chamber beyond. He has come seeking answers to often asked questions. As he begins examining the contents of this side room, he finds books and flyers filled with advice. Also here are models of those who have trodden this path before. Further over is a lonely computer, offering to be his tool and to help him find what he is looking for.

Meanwhile, the bustle in the outer room continues. One of the staff is interrupted from her typing. There is someone standing near her. She greets that someone with a smile and that implies "Welcome to the Career Services Center! We are here to help you find a job!"

The Center is open to all students from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM on weekdays, with evening hours from 5:30 - 7:00 PM on Tuesdays. Appointments can be made to speak to a counselor at these times. If you prefer to make a sudden visit, the "Drop-In Hours" are from 1:30 - 3:00 PM every weekday and also during the Tuesday evening hours.

Director Douglas Sherman, Career Counselor Jeanette Rousseau, and Office Manager Joan Perkins run this office for the benefit of the college at large. Their efforts combine to make Career Services an efficient, simple, stress-free environment within which a student may find a job, or even the career of a lifetime.

Not only do they connect students with paying jobs and career-related experience, but Career Services is working to become a full-service resume handler. They can guide a student from a jobless freshman year through part-time jobs and career-related experience, over the roadblock of resume building, and into the interview sites, interviews, and careers they want.

When students decide to write their own resume, they need to go no further than the new resume production station. Here are the tools needed to write a flashy, flawless, and proper self-summary. First impressions count a lot, so creat-

ing the best resume possible is a major goal for job hunters. Not only will students find the computer and software invaluable, but the help of the Career Services staff, which would cost hundreds of dollars in fees for those outside the college, is a service covered by tuition and fees paid to FSC. Also, examples of successful resumes by alumni are left for students to use as guides for creating their own list of qualifications.

The office not only provides time to help students, but also offers facilities which are great to use whenever the center is open. "It is very easy for (students) to participate," Rousseau says.

The Career Library is full of self-help books with titles like, "Building a Better Resume" and "How to Write a Cover Letter." There are directories listing the location of most of the country's major companies. The phone numbers and addresses of potential employers like Microsoft, Cable News Network, and Baybank await discovery.

Career Services works with the alumni office to create the Ace Alumni Network. "Last year we had 600-700 alums involved," Rousseau says. "Now we have over 1000."

Rick Roderick is a Senior Communications major.

Police log

Police log for October 8 - 14, 1995

Sunday October 8, 1995

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Student observing three local youths attempting to take a bike chained to the rack at the Hammond Building. Gone upon our arrival.
DISPERSAL - Several people from the G-Lobby area due to having the ceilings painted.
ASSIST OTHER POLICE - Delivered emergency message to student for the Bristol, CT Police Department.

Monday October 9, 1995

REQUEST FOR POLICE - Caller stating loud group gathered outside Russell Towers disturbing residents. Asked group to move along.
LARCENY - Of personal property from resident of Russell Towers.
REQUEST FOR POLICE - Person stuck in the elevator in the Hammond Building.

Tuesday October 10, 1995

LARCENY - Of personal property taken from staff member in the Hammond Building.
ARREST - One male subject on a default warrant out of Framingham District Court.
REQUEST FOR POLICE - Smell of something burning in Image Systems. Unfounded.
DISPERSAL - Eight local skateboarders jumping off the wall and stairs at Thompson Hall.

Wednesday October 11, 1995

LARCENY - Of personal property from student in the Hammond Building.
HARASSMENT - By phone reported by resident of Aubuchon.
DISPERSAL - Of local youth at the Town House apartments.
MOTOR VEHICLE STOP - One-Way violation. Exiting Ross Lot onto North St.

Thursday October 12, 1995

NOISE COMPLAINT - Loud talking reported at New Halls. Unfounded.
STOLEN PROPERTY - Found in North St. Lot. Street signs to be returned to Nashua, NH Police Department.
DRUG VIOLATION - Reported at Russell Towers. J-Board charges filed against four Russell Towers residents.

Friday October 13, 1995

HARASSMENT - Of student in New Halls reported.
REQUEST FOR POLICE - RA of New Halls reporting a car driving on the sidewalks and parking behind #5. Checked the area and advised owner that the walkways were not to be driven on except by emergency vehicles.
ANIMAL COMPLAINT - Person with a dog in Holmes Dining Commons was advised to take the dog outside.
REQUEST FOR POLICE - RD requesting assistance with a possibly intoxicated female at the New Halls.

Saturday October 14, 1995

DRUG VIOLATION - J-Board complaints filed against two residents of New Halls.
DISTURBANCE - Objects being thrown out windows at Russell Towers. J-Board complaints to be filed.
REQUEST FOR POLICE - Male reportedly harassing desk worker in Russell Towers.
NOISE COMPLAINT - Residents near McKay School reporting loud yelling. "Pledging" rituals.
DISPERSAL - Several local males from Hammond Quad and the Town Houses.

Speak out

Here's your chance. President Riccards has appointed a major task force to put together a plan for the college as it looks to the future. The group is very interested in hearing how students feel about such things as financial aid, admissions, registration, safety, athletics, advising, academic departments and majors, student activities, publications - pretty much anything and everything related to the college. What do we do well? What doesn't work? What drives you crazy? If you could wave a magic wand, how would you change things? You don't have to sign your name and neatness doesn't count. What matters are your ideas. You can send this sheet to Chris Cosgrove, Mathematics Department, or just drop it in the campus mail slot. Thanks for being part of this important project.

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Animated crime... real time

Why are today's children are growing up in a world saturated with violence and crime in epidemic proportions. What are we left with to blame it on? We have used up the excuses of parental neglect, peer pressure, and inner-city influence. Perhaps we should look at something that every child digests on a daily basis... cartoons.

Have you ever watched a cartoon where two or more characters got along in perfect harmony? Maybe so if it were from the early skits of "Popeye", when Olive would force the sailor to inhale spinach in a futile attempt to win her companionship. Unfortunately, cartoon makers have put this scenario on the back burner and have focused heavily on violence and corruption to sway young viewers in the direction of their programs.

Take for instance the episodes of "Tom and Jerry", the cat

and mouse pair that filled the morning hours of our youth for years with antics that would make us laugh. What was it that made us laugh? Was it how they tortured each other with endless half-hours of face-punching drama? Or was it the constant slam, blam, swallow you now—come back to life later episodes that kept us returning to the set? This, ladies and gentlemen, is violence in its purest form.

Hey, a scapegoat! Television is the reason behind all the drive-by shootings, and drug trafficking prevalent in today's society. Not quite. We can only blame broadcasting for societies' problems to a certain extent, but the degree to which we site cartoons as a cause of violence today is significant.

If you really think about how much time they spend in front of the television, it makes sense that children try to re-create what they see on the screen.

This reenactment can be positive or negative depending on the veracity of what they see. Undoubtedly, when a child sees two characters fighting and engaging in violent play they are more apt to repeat this behavior. It is not uncommon that cartoon figures constantly punch, beat or kill other cartoon characters. Is this what children should be exposed to?

Currently, there is legislation that would air at least three hours of "educational" broadcasting per day for children. The major networks, ABC, CBS, and NBC are fighting this proposal rigidly, stating it would be "unnecessary and unconstitutional". In my honest opinion, this would be the best way to combat teen violence, gang-warfare, and crime in general. Children have seen an exorbitant amount of "make-believe" killings and animated violence to lead them to believe that crime is justified.

Let's support the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and its proposal to censor children's broadcasts. Maybe this is the solution that the grown-ups across the world have overlooked for years?

Ron Taupier is a Senior, Business Management Major.

A whole new taste

by Mark Witkowski
Contributing writer

When most people think of beer they think of that swill served down on Myrtle Avenue, but when I hear that wonderful word, I think about the good stuff: bocks, lambics, porters, ales, lagers, stouts, and the like. Starting with the appearance and following all the way through to the aftertaste, each and every one of these beers is different and unique.

Now go ahead humor me, be a sport, if you are of age go down to your local package store and purchase a 6-pack of Samuel Adams Lager. It'll set you back about six bucks or so. Once you get home pour your lager into a clean pint glass and serve it at about 45-50 degrees. Note the appearance of the lager, it's amber color, the clarity, and the amount of carbonation. Now

bring the glass up to your nose and try to pick out the different aromas: the hops (floral, piney), the malt (sweet, or caramel-like), the esters (from yeast metabolism, fruity). Next take a sip, look for a good mouth feel (a 'full bodied' texture), good balance (sweetness at the tip of the tongue, bitterness at the back), and finally the aftertaste (it should linger, and be pleasant). Mmmmm Mmm GOOD!

Now that you know the basics to true beer tasting, go out and enjoy some new ones. It may take some time to get used to the "thick stuff". Once you do, you'll never drink beer the same again. I hope I have opened up your eyes and taste buds to the wonderful world of beer! Bottoms up...

Mark Witkowski is a Senior Industrial Technology/Graphic Arts major.

Better late than never

by Maxine Polynice
Contributing writer

My gosh! It's 11:20 and the math teacher just concluded her lecture. Some students remain in their seats, unclear about the upcoming assignment and seek further instructions. I can't stick around any longer.

It is now 11:25 and I am on my way to McKay campus school. Running hastily down a flight of stairs, waving to acquaintances I proceed to North Street quicker than a bar maid at Slattery's. Hey! Not so fast! I haven't reached the dangerous intersection of North street and Rindge road. I don't know how fast I will be able to cross it. It all depends on the mood of the drivers. My watch says 11:30 and I am only at the playground watching children be incoherent about time and tardiness. Rushing up the stairs, I'm hoping the teacher hasn't started roll call.

It's 11:34 and I cross the threshold of the classroom only to see students frowning on my lateness and a handful of deroga-

tory glances burning a hole through my soul. My eyes wander across the room in search of sympathy. Alas, no mercy! The teacher doesn't concern herself with informing the newly arrived student.

When skate boards similar to the ones shown in the movie "Back to the Future" are made it won't take me 15 minutes to get to your class from the Hammond building or the Thompson tunnel. Since science hasn't provided me yet with this type of technological device could you hold on a few minutes? When your watch says its time to start—take five!

Administrators, wouldn't a 15 minute time span between classes be better than the current 10? This additional timing could make the transition from the campus area to McKay extremely beneficial. This school would profit more if they concentrated on the student's progress instead of a clock. Maybe this year should have been dubbed the "Year of the Not-So-Punctual Student."

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Who has a right to claim oppression?

by Scott Gomes
Production Manager

Recently seeing the movie "PCU", one scene in particular sticks in my mind. When I first saw it I thought it was hysterically funny. As I think back on it, it was really stupid. For those who have watched it, it was the scene when all of the students at PCU were in line waiting to get into the party. As the camera went down the line, there was many stereotypical, generic characters. Some were making comments about their position in line such as, "This is a white man's line that's why we're in the back." "I'm a homosexual and subject to prosecution everywhere I go, even here." "Shove it, women are oppressed all over the world."

I'm not denying that things as those said above don't exist in our world, that would be rather naive of me to believe, but stop whining about it and do something.

I'm sad to say even though that scene was taken out of a movie, it happens even here on our campus. I see or hear people making comments on how this one dresses or this one acts or who that one hangs out with. It really annoys me. Come on people, grow up. We are, after all, adults aren't we? Then why do we still resort to childish behavior and name calling?

I'm not even sure if I have the right to complain. I'm a 19 year old, white male Junior coming from a middle class Portuguese family. I feel this doesn't put me in any particular category of persecution but, I'm going to voice my opinion anyway.

It really bothers me when I hear someone whining about affirmative action or equal rights for women, homosexuals, whatever else you can throw up there.

Please don't jump to conclusions, I don't consider myself a racist, or an oppressor. The reason I feel this way is because it just boggles my mind why one person cannot, will not, or stupid as it may sound, does not know how to take another person for face value. It is absolutely pathetic of us not to give someone that is slightly different from ourselves a chance. It's disgusting that people support or even belong to anti-homosexual groups. It is so stupid to give a less qualified person the job because HE seems like he will fit in better with the company. Racial wars. What the hell is the need?

Before I lose track of my main point will someone explain to me why things such as racism, oppression, deration exist in our world?

When I meet someone for the first time, I try to see that person as an individual and an equal until that person has proven otherwise. I've never found myself thinking that person is black - I have to act better than him. That person is gay get him away from me. How many people think like this and why?

As I previously stated a painful amount of times, this is stupid! There really isn't a need for things like this to exist. Then why is our world still the way that it is?

Scott Gomes is a Junior, Communications major.

HIV & Children:

Some Family and Other Societal Implications

AIDS Awareness Day October 26, 1995 Hammond Building.

9:00-9:15

Opening remarks- President Riccards
Ellis White Lecture Hall - Campus Center

9:15-10:30

Community Caregiver Panel:
Ellis White Lecture Hall - Campus Center

10:30-11:30

Keynote Presentation
Ellis White Lecture Hall - Campus Center

Educational Workshop on "Homophobia"
G-Rooms - Campus Center

11:30-12:30

Persons Living with HIV/AIDS Panel
Ellis White Lecture Hall

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1:30-2:30

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This band performed a lively set at the Jazz House sponsored by the Black Student Union in the Pub last Thursday night.

Lip sync puckers



Jessica Roy moves coffeehouse

by Gina Procopio
Staff writer

Jessica Roy gave a highly entertaining performance at this past coffee house. Included in her set were some original pieces and some from singers such as Lenny Kravitz.

Although the singer and day student here at FSC said she was awful and the sound equipment was "screwed up," I must disagree and say that I enjoyed it.

I am not a music authority by

any means, but the crowd seemed attentive and enjoyed the show as much as I did. Roy has a style some would call folk, but her slower pieces are likened more to Tori Amos.

Roy has a laid back style with some unique lyrics about topics that are not openly discussed, such as homosexuality. "The songs are not meant to offend, but to make people pay more attention to the topic," she said.

Backing up Roy at times

were Mike Shutts on guitar and Jennifer Keats on background vocals who are both talented enough to host their own coffee house.

The three had a great sound that was mellow, but lively. At times they broke into duets and Roy proved to have skill not only with her voice but also with a guitar.

Gina Procopio is a Junior, Psychology major.

by Norman Miller
Sports Editor

Mary J. Blige, Barry White, and Janet Jackson were the featured performers at the Black Student Union lip sync contest last Wednesday. Well, not exactly. Actually, they were imitated rather well by some FSC students.

There were six acts entered into the contest and were judged on three categories, lip service, originality, and energy.

The first group, Sixth Floor, set the tone for the rest of the night when they performed Uptown Scenario. Although not much on lip service, this group had a lot of energy. Even though they didn't win, they did get a lot of laughter from the crowd.

The group probably getting the strongest reaction was Strait to the Point, performing Jodeci's "Kicking You." Announced by MC Lewis Holiday as "something for the ladies," the group entered from the back of auditorium, and the ladies did seem to be impressed with their show, hooting and hollering throughout the duration.

The group of Unicia Young, Tamara Finley, and Stacy Schneider won the first place prize of a \$15.00 gift certificate to the commuter cafe, along with other prizes of equal caliber. They performed Janet Jackson's "Runaway", and their dance was choreographed by Derek Valcourt. Their performance was excellent, with their lips matching the words of the song almost perfectly, and their timing in their dance was almost perfect as well.

The second place group of Thania LeMaire and Xavier Brookes, performing a Mary J. Blige song, had the most perfect

lip sync of the whole show. Their performance began with Brookes on the stage by himself and "singing" for a while, and then LeMaire joined him on stage. Their lips matched perfectly throughout the song, even on the parts when the two singers sang simultaneously.

Victor Bishop performed Barry White's "Practice What You Preach," and finished in third place. Through most of his performance he sat down at the front of the stage and did his act. Actually, his facial expressions were very good, as he pretended to be near tears, and wiped the sweat off of his face. At one point in the song, he jumped off stage, and walked over to a woman sitting in the front row, and knelt down beside her and sang the song just for her.

The night was capped off by the dancing group of Valcourt, Katrina Garrett, Julie Robinson, John Dechellis, and Danielle Ferzacca, performing Blige's "You Bring Me Joy." They had to battle through some technical difficulties, with their tape being eaten. Lucky for them, an audience member had the CD.

Halfway through the song the CD somehow stopped, but the audience sang the rest of the song so the group could finish their dance. Even with all of the problems, their performance was well done, and they didn't miss a beat even when the audience joined in. The show ended with the group getting a standing ovation.

Even though it started a little over a half hour late, the BSU lip sync contest was a success.

Norman Miller is a Junior, Professional Writing major.

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Women's soccer beats Simmons

by Thomas Baird
Contributing writer

On Thursday FSC took on Simmons College at Elliot Field, and sent Simmons home with a 1-0 loss. Julie Robinson scored the game winning goal with 14:30 remaining in the game, from a pass by Mayann Barrett. For the game Fitchburg State had nineteen shots with Ginger Boormeester, Robinson, and Barrett being the only three players taking shots. Simmons took sixteen shots, forcing Karen Irving to make nine saves, while earning the shut out. Fitchburg State will finish the regular season tomorrow after-

noon when they host the Bears at Bridgewater State at 4:00 pm. Last Monday, the Fitchburg State women's soccer team won 4-2 over Roger Williams College. The first goal was scored by Robinson, and that was just the beginning for the Falcons, making it 1-0. A short time later, Fitchburg extended their lead to 2-0, Boormeester scored with an assist from Robinson. The third goal of the half was scored by Marie McKenna, with an assist coming from Boormeester. The fourth and final goal was scored by Barrett, with Robinson getting her second assist of the

game. The first half score was 4-1, which was the final. "This looks a lot better than Saturday's game," said Fitchburg Coach Ed Dupuis, referring to Saturday's 4-0 loss to the Westfield State Owls. The second half of the game was a stand off of wits and guts, as the Falcons held them off. "This was one extraordinary game," said Dupuis. "Ginger had an awesome comeback, and Julie and Maryann played extremely well. The defense was extremely well won. Thomas Baird is a Freshman Communications major.



Kim Walsh hopes to run to victory in this Saturday's MASSCAC Championships.

FSC SPORTS SCHEDULE (OCT 25-31)

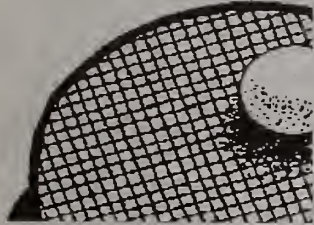
TEAM	DAY	TIME	PLACE	OPPONENT
Men's Soccer*	Today	4:00	home	Mass. Maritime
Women's Soccer	Thursday	4:00	home	Bridgewater
Men's Soccer	Thursday	7:00	home	WNEC
Volleyball	Thursday	7:00	home	Rivier
Women's Soccer	Saturday	10:00	away	WPI
Field Hockey	Saturday	11:00	away	Elms
Volleyball	Saturday	11:00	away	MASCACS
Women's Cross Country	Saturday	11:00	home	MASCACS
Football	Saturday	12:00	away	Maine Maritime
Men's Cross Country	Saturday	12:00	home	MASCACS
Men's Soccer	Saturday	1:00	away	North Adams

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a good game, forcing Dyer to throw the ball out of bounds on fourth down. "The defense came out and worked hard," said Kavanaugh. "We tried some different things, and it worked." After the Falcons were forced to punt on their next drive, the Corsairs went on a nine play, 55 yard-drive that took 3:22, capped off Casey's 1-yard plunge for the touch-down, making it 14-0 after the extra point. Casey had 19-carries for 96 yards in the game. "Casey's a great athlete, you can't bring him down with arm tackles," said Woessner. UMass-Dartmouth made it 21-0 after receiving the kick off to open the second half by going on a 15-play, 70 yard drive over the first 7:11. On the drive Powell had five carries for 46-yards. Casey hit Aaron Lee on the opposite end of the end zone with an eleven yard completion. On Fitchburg State's next drive, Dyer was hit and he fumbled, and the ball was recovered by the Falcons in the end zone, and Rob Carney made the tackle for the safety, making it 23-0. Steve Nelson replaced Dyer at quarterback on their next possession, but it didn't help, as on a third and thirteen he hit Greg McClintock with an eight yard pass, forcing them to punt. On two separate occasions in the fourth quarter, Fitchburg had off sides penalties that gave the Corsairs first downs when they were going to punt. "It might have given us an extra eight minutes with our hands on the football," said Woessner. But it didn't, as the Falcons dropped to 0-7 on the season. Fitchburg travels to Maine Maritime next Saturday.

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On Monday Oct. 16, the Falcons traveled to Salem to take on the Lady Vikings, and left with a 0-0 tie. Fitchburg had thirty shots, and Marshall had eleven saves. With the tie, the Falcons have to win October 24, when they travel to Framingham State to take on the 0-10-0 Rams. "They're not doing real well, but anything can happen."



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FSC Field hockey dumps WSC Lancers 1-0

by Norman Miller
Sports Editor

Fitchburg State and Worcester State have a rivalry, so when FSC and WSC meet on a field in a big MASCAC game, it only makes the rivalry mean that much more.

The Falcons earned the 1-0 win over the Lancers, knocking Worcester State out of contention for the MASCAC championship.

"We totally dominated," said FSC coach Lisa Valardi. "We played excellent."

It was the last home game of the season, and also for seniors Wendy Gagliani, Meredith Hertal, and Tina Leger, as they are all ending their Fitchburg State careers after this season.

"The last home game and the seniors did well," said Valardi. "They're the nucleus of our team."

The Falcons, (12-2-2 overall, 3-0-1 MASCAC), put constant pressure on Worcester, with WSC's defense concentrating on stopping Gagliani.

That worked for a while, almost ten minutes, until Gagliani received a pass from Leger after a corner, and drove the ball past goalie Nakishna Graham for her

league leading twelfth goal, making it 1-0.

Fitchburg State kept the pressure on throughout the half, but couldn't get anything by Graham, despite many opportunities.

For the half, Fitchburg had eighteen shots, compared to only four by the Lancers.

The second half began the same as the first, with the Falcons keeping control for most of the beginning of the half, but still the team couldn't score.

At the mid point of the half, the Lancers came to life, pressuring the Fitchburg defense and goalie Dianne Marshall.

"We had a little let down in the second half," said Valardi. "I think they got tired of shooting."

Worcester State at one point had three consecutive corners, but Marshall had a good game in goal, making ten saves.

"She's been real solid, having key saves at the right time," said Valardi.

For the game, FSC had thirty shots, forcing Graham to make seventeen saves.

The win also gives Fitchburg State a 4-1 edge in the Sterling Cup match-up, heading into the winter season.

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Men's soccer wins two

by Norman Miller
Sports Editor

The Fitchburg State men's soccer team got an ugly 2-1 win over divisional foe Westfield State College last Tuesday night at Elliot Field.

"To me, it was our worst game, but we won," said FSC coach Marty Aristegui. "We played bad, bad."

Neither team could get a shot off for the first six minutes, but the Falcons, (9-4-0 overall, 3-2-0 MASCAC), started pressuring Owls' goalie Neal Belanger. Belanger had an excellent game in net, making thirteen saves, and many diving stops.

"When you have a chance to score, and you want to score, and you can't, it's frustrating," said Aristegui.

Westfield, (7-8-0 overall, 2-2-0 MASCAC), almost scored on a kick from midfield. A WSC player kicked it high in the air toward Aaron Hohos, and he decided to play the ball off the bounce. The ball then bounced over Hohos, and almost made it to the net, but he recovered in time to stop the ball.

Nathan Arnold broke the tie, giving the Falcons a 1-0 lead. When the Owls were throwing the ball in, Arnold kicked it away. He outraced Belanger for the loose ball and shot it into the open net for the easy score.

"We were thinking that we scored one goal, we could do

anything we wanted," said Aristegui. "Then when we wanted to put the ball into the net, we couldn't."

Westfield State tied it at the 49:22 mark of the game off of a mistake by Hohos. The freshman keeper blocked a cross pass attempt, and, instead of grabbing the ball, he tried to knock it away. Andrew Kaplin picked up the rebound and scored the goal, tying at 1-1.

Fitchburg kept pressuring Belanger but he wouldn't let anything by until the 79:35 mark. Erwin Urizandi received a pass from Arnold and shot the ball. Belanger made a good stop, but Urizandi put the rebound in the net for the goal, making it 2-1.

Fitchburg State got lucky when Westfield's Rob Quigly beat Hohos with a shot from the far corner. But it hit the post, and bounced away, along with Westfield's chance of winning.

On Thursday, the Falcons escaped with a 3-2 victory over the visiting 0-15 Wentworth Institute of Technology Leopards.

"They battled for everything," said WIT coach Sean Murphy. "The game could have went either way."

Wentworth scored the first goal of the game when Daniel Catulo received a pass from Mike Martins, kicking the ball just out of the reach of Hohos, making it 1-0.

The Falcons didn't take long

to respond as Jason Richardson took two straight shots on goalie Helio Rosa, who made two nice stops, but the second rebound bounced out to Steve Grico, who rocketed a shot pass Rosa, making it 1-1.

"The first goal for FSC was an excellent goal," said Murphy. "How often do you see a goal like that?"

Fitchburg took a 2-1 lead in the second half. Leo Paredes beat the offsides trap by the Leopards, and passed to Arnold for the easy goal.

WIT came back to tie it up when Hohos was beaten near side post by Martins, making it the 2-2.

"We play to the level of the other team," said Aristegui. "If a team is good, we play good. If a team is lousy, we play lousy."

But Arnold saved the win for FSC when a Leopard defenseman let the ball get past him and Arnold faked one way, and shot the other pass the goalie.

"He wants to learn," said Aristegui. "Everyday he wants to stay after practice to practice different things. He is the kind of player that I would coach for free."

The Falcons play a make up game today against Mass Maritime at 4:00 pm, host Western New England College tomorrow, and finish out their season this Saturday at North Adams.

Homecoming horror haunts FSC

by Norman Miller
Sports Editor

Alumni who came to watch the Fitchburg State football team on homecoming weekend got treated to a 23-0 defeat by the UMass-Dartmouth Corsairs on a rainy afternoon at Elliot Field.

Fitchburg State was held to only 96-yards of offense, while UMD had 289 yards of total offense, 268 rushing.

"It was our best football game of the year," said Corsairs coach Bill Kavanaugh. "We were able to run the ball, to get things going."

Fitchburg started the game with the ball, but were forced to punt. Anthony Divito was blocked by Jim Kelly, gave UMass the ball at the 34-yard line.

The Corsairs made it to the eight-yard line, but were stopped when William Casey connected with Jon Bishop out of bounds in the end zone on fourth down.

But the Falcons couldn't move the ball, and were again forced to punt. Anthony DeRosa received the kick at the 40-yard line, and returned it to the 23-yard line.

Ten seconds later the ball was in the end zone as Osvaldo Powell, (13 carries for 94 yards), ran up the middle, broke some tackles, and made it to the end zone. Ken Papetti kicked the point after, making it 7-0 with 5:10 left in the first quarter.

"We always seem to have the long field, where as they won the battle of field position," said FSC coach Mike Woessner.

The end of the first quarter saw turnovers by both teams. Jason Dyer, on a second-and-nine play was chased out of the pocket, and instead of throwing the ball away, completed the pass to Matt DeGrandpre of UMass-Dartmouth.

UMD couldn't hold onto the ball as the rain caused a fumble, and Carl Ball recovered the ball for FSC. In the game there were eleven fumbles, eight by the Corsairs.

The Falcons' best chance to score in the first half came when Dyer completed a seventeen yard fade pass to Keith Couto, who made a great over-the-shoulder grab. But the UMD defense had

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Hertel named MASCAC player of the week

FSC Press Release

The FSC field hockey team continues to roll, now boasting an 11-2-2 season record. In the MASCAC they are 2-0-1, and in first place. A big part of that success is senior Meredith

Hertal. Last week FSC went 3-0, including two key MASCAC wins over Westfield State, (2-1 in overtime), and Bridgewater State, (3-1). Against WSC, Hertal scored the game winner in overtime—her third goal of the year. She assisted on the

third goal against Bridgewater. Hertal also picked up another assist on Ashley Aube's overtime goal in the 2-1 overtime win at Simmons. Hertal was named MASCAC Player of the Week for her efforts.